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SUBJECT: ICAO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE MONTREAL

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED SHINNAWI AUG 18 TO INQUIRE AS TO STATUS
GOE CONSIDERATION OF US DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR NEW INSTRUMENT
REDUCING NUMBER OF PROTOCOLS TO WARSAW CONVENTION. SHINNAWI
SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED DRAFT WITH HIS DELEGATION AND EGYPT IS
READY TO CO-SPONSOR.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, SHINNAWI SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT
WAS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER VERSIONS OF DRAFT SINCE THERE
ARE "ONLY A FEW SMALL PROBLEMS" WHICH CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH
USDEL AT MONTREAL. EMBOFF POINTED OUT UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING
AGREED LANGUAGE PRIOR TO OPENING SESSION, PARTICULARLY WITH
RESPECT TO PUTTING ITEM ON AGENDA (POINT WHICH HAD BEEN
STRESSED IN EARLIER DISCUSSION, AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY SHINNAWI),
BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT EGYTPAN SUPPORT AND CO-
SPONSORSHIP IS OF MUCH UTILITY IN ABOVE CONTEXT. EMBASSY IS
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UNAWARE OF HOW PROPOSAL IS FARING GENERALLY, ALTHOUGH WE

NOTE THAT DUTCH ARE NOT VERY ENTUSIASTIC (HAGUE 4124).
IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING, THERE IS NOT MUCH CHANCE OF
SECURING SHINNAW'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE,
EVEN IF WE WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM TO RECONSIDER,
SINCE WE HAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT DRAFT WAS REALLY NOT
VERY CAREFULLY STUDIED IN TERMS OF ITS EFFECTS. NEVERTHELESS,
IF EGYPTIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP IS OF IMPORTANCE TO US, EMBASSY
WILL OF COURSE UNDERTAKE FURTHER EFFORTS.
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